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1. On 27 February 1953, the Elsner Kaserne on Franz-Mehring Strasse in Grimma was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four 76-mm guns and three 120-mm mortars were seen in the billeting area. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the billeting area included trucks
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2. On 27 February, the Strassburg Kaserne on the south side of Leipziger Strasse, opposite the Gerichtsweg, quartered about 800 troops. Five armored personnel carriers 1 BA-64 armored scout car, and 4 x 50-mm mortars were seen in the billeting area. Motor vehicles seen in the billeting area.
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3. On 7 March, the Strassburg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 100 soldiers practiced marching in the barracks yard, while 8 to 10 groups of soldiers practiced firing in the eastern section of the yard, on 27 February. About 150 soldiers practiced with and without small arms in the barracks yard on 5 March. At about 10 a.m., about 18 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched along the Chaussee 6 km west of Grimma, practicing cover from air observation as they marched toward Grimma. Five trucks stood near the gasoline dump west of the barracks installation. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the barracks installation
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4. On 7 March, the Elsner Kaserne was occupied by about 800 soldiers. From 27 February to 7 March, individual officers with engineer insignia left the installation. From 80 to 100 soldiers received basic infantry training at group level in the barracks yard on 27 February. On 5 March, 60 to 80 soldiers practiced firing, while other soldiers engaged in maintenance duty on 18 to 20 trucks in front of the

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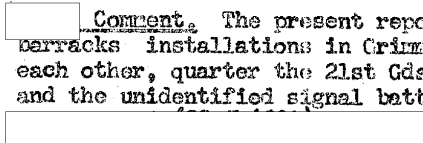
garages. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the barracks installation



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Comment. The present report tends to indicate that the two barracks installations in Crimea, which are located adjacent to each other, quarter the 21st Gds Mecz Regt, the 133d Gds Engr Bn and the unidentified signal battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div.



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